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FOLLOWING PARAMARIBO 0177 REPEAT SENT ACTION SECSTATE, INFO
USDOC, GEORGETOWN 8 MAR.

QUOTE: UNCLAS PARAMARIBO 0177

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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO TRADE MISSION

REF : (A) STATE 44782, (B) PARAMARIBO 0003

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES PUERTO RICO TRADE MISSION TO SURINAM
DURING APRIL 16-23 TIME FRAME WOULD BE ILL-ADVISED AND RECOM-
MENDS ORGANIZERS BE ADVISED TO RESCHEDULE PARAMARIBO VISIT
LATER IN YEAR.

2. REF B IN EARLY JANUARY QUERIED USDOC REGARDING PLANS FOR
PUERTO RICO TRADE MISSION TO SURINAM. IN ABSENCE OF RESPONSE
OR ANY INDICATION OF PUERTO RICAN PLANS, EMBASSY ADVISED
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REP PETER GENERO THAT APRIL 28-
MAY 1 WOULD BE SATISFACTORY DATES FOR PARAMARIBO STOP BY FLORIDA-
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ANTILLES FLYING TRADE MISSION. WORD RECEIVED FROM GENERO
SINCE THEN INDICATES PLANNING IS FAR ADVANCED AND USDOC HAS
ALREADY GIVEN TENTATIVE APPROVAL TO IOGA DESIGNATION OF
MISSION. RESERVATIONS FOR HOTEL AND MEETING FACILITIES HAVE
BEEN MADE AND GENERO, WHO VISITED PARAMARIBO IN EARLY JANUARY
TO MAKE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF MISSION'S PROSPECTS, PLANS
RETURN VISIT FOR FINAL ARRANGEMENT MARCH 30-31.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PUERTO RICO MISSION ONLY ONE WEEK BEFORE FLORIDA MISSION WOULD SERIOUSLY IMPAIR EFFECTIVENESS OF BOTH MISSIONS. SINCE BOTH MISSIONS WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH BASICALLY SAME LOCAL INDIVIDUALS, WHO OFTEN ACT AS IMPORTERS OF WIDE VARIETY OF PRODUCTS, VISITS BY TWO MISSIONS IN SUCH A SHORT SPAN OF TIME WOULD, 8, 974 '7\$&.3,5, OVERLOAD THE CIRCUIT. SCHEDULING OF PUERTO RICO VISIT AT SUGGESTED TIME WOULD ALSO SEEM TO BE PARTICULARLY UNFAIR TO FLORIDA MISSION ON WHICH CONSIDERABLE EFFORT HAS ALREADY BEEN EXPENDED.

4. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WELCOM PUERTO RICO MISSION AT A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON TIME LATER THIS YEAR, AT LEAST A MONTH AFTER FLORIDA MISSION. SHOULD ADVANCE OFFICER STILL WISH TO MAKE TRIP SCHEDULED MARCH 19-26, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS ALTERNATE DATES AT THAT TIME.

5. ADVISE.
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